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EXAMINING GROUP 1711**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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AND PRODUCTION METHOD
THEREOF

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**PENDING CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENTS MADE IN
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2002**

1. A polybenzazole article superior in light resistance, which comprises a polybenzazole and a light-resisting agent that allows for a regular reflectance of the article of not more than 30% in not less than 30% of the wavelength region of from 450 nm to 700 nm, wherein the light-resisting agent is at least one member selected from the group consisting of aniline, *o*-phenylenediamine, *m*-phenylenediamine, *p*-phenylenediamine, *o*-aminophenol, *m*-aminophenol, *p*-aminophenol, 2-amino-4-nitrophenol, 2-amino-4-sulfonamide, and 1,8-diaminonaphthalene.

2. The polybenzazole article of claim 1, wherein the light-resisting agent allows for a regular reflectance of the article of not more than 20% in not less than 10% of the wavelength region of from 450 nm to 700 nm.

3. The polybenzazole article of claim 1, which has a strength of not less than 35 g/d.

6. The polybenzazole article of claim 1, wherein the light-resisting agent is contained in a proportion of 0.01 to 20% by weight of the article.